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SUBJECT: AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND - AUGUST 16 BOARD MEETING

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 7301

1. DOCUMENTS FOR SUBJECT MEETING RECEIVED THIS MORNING AND AIR  
POUCHED TO TREASURY. SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS ON AGENDA INCLUDE:

- ADOPTION OF JANUARY-JUNE 1977 FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.
- EXPLANATION OF THE ITEM "AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN VALUE OF  
CURRENCY HOLDINGS" IN ANNEX I-III TO JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 1977  
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
- ADF AUDITORS' FEES FOR 1976.
- FOUR LOAN PROPOSALS LISTED REFTEL.

CAPSULE SUMMARIES STRESSING PROJECT BENEFICIARIES OF LATTER THREE  
LOAN PROPOSALS FOLLOW.

2. COMOROS VANILLA AND CLOVES PROJECT: FUA FIVE MILLION (78 PER-  
CENT OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS), USUAL AFDF TERMS, WILL COVER ALL OF  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS AND 33 PERCENT OF LOCAL COSTS. FIVE-YEAR  
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PROJECT TO BOOST PRODUCTION OF VANILLA AND CLOVES (CASH CROPS),  
AND BANANAS AND PEAS (FOOD CROPS) IN 16 AREAS ON THREE OF COMORO  
ISLANDS. MAJOR COMPONENTS ARE:

- CONSTRUCTION OF 16 STORAGE SHEDS;
- ESTABLISHMENT OF 32 PILOT FARMS, EACH OF FIVE HECTARES,  
TOGETHER WITH OFFICE, RESERVOIR AND FENCE

- SUPPLY OF IMPLEMENTS, VEHICLES, PLANTING MATERIAL
- PROVISION OF LOCAL STAFF AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
- PROVISION OF OPERATING EXPENSES INCLUDING SUBSISTENCE REMUNERATION TO FARMER TRAINEES DURING TRAINING PERIOD
- SETTLEMENT OF AND SUPERVISORY SERVICES FOR FARMERS TRAINED IN PILOT FARMS FOLLOWING TRAINING. FARMERS ARE TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN IMPROVED FARMING TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS ON PILOT FARMS. PROJECT APPRAISAL INDICATES THAT BENEFICIARY FARMERS ALL WILL HAVE ACCESS TO LAND TO FARM UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING. TRAINING PERIOD IS TWO MONTHS IN EACH OF TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS. WITH 15 FARMERS PER FARM PER PERIOD AND FIVE PERIODS PER YEAR, TOTAL FARMERS TRAINED WILL BE 75 PER FARM PER TWO-YEAR PERIOD, OR 9,600 FARMERS OVER AN EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD. PILOT FARM MANAGEMENT WILL CONSIST OF ONE OFFICER AND FIVE PERMANENT WORKERS. TOTAL COMORO WORKING POPULATION IS 140,000 PERSONS, 90 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE PEASANTS OR FISHERMEN. LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF WORKING POPULATION IS WAGE-EARNING.

3. MALAGASY REPUBLIC RICE IRRIGATION PROJECT: 6.1 MILLION FUA (72 PERCENT OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS), USUAL AFDF TERMS, DISBURSEMENT OVER THREE YEARS, WILL COVER FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST OF PROJECT. PROJECT TO DEVELOP FOUR AREAS TOTALLING 4,450 HECTARES FOR RICE CULTIVATION, INCLUDING:

- REHABILITATION OF EXISTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW IRRIGATION FACILITIES AND ROADS

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- ON-FARM DEVELOPMENT
- CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR PADDY PROCESSING AND STORAGE FACILITIES
- CONSTRUCTION OF WORKSHOP AND TWO OFFICES
- PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLES, FARM MACHINERY, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT
- STUDY OF RICE CULTIVATION PROBLEMS IN SUBJECT AREAS.

AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME FOR RURAL POPULATION ESTIMATED AT U.S. DOLLARS 45 PER ANNUM. SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. RICE IS MAJOR SUBSISTENCE COMMODITY. DESPITE FAVORABLE LAND AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS FOR RICE PRODUCTION, GAINS IN PRODUCTIVITY HAVE NOT KEPT UP WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND MALAGASY REPUBLIC IS NET IMPORTER OF RICE. PROJECT IS PART OF "RICE BATTLE" UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE RICE SELF-SUFFICIENCY, WILL REACH 14,000 PEOPLE. STATE LANDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FARMERS FOR CULTIVATION AT A RATE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HECTARE PER FAMILY. PARTICIPATING FARMERS ARE PROJECTED TO TRIPLE THEIR CURRENT NET INCOME (TO MORE THAN DOLLARS 400 PER ANNUM) AFTER ABOUT SEVEN YEARS.

4. NIGER "OPERATION WELLS" PROJECT: 2.43 MILLION FUA (80 PERCENT OF TOTAL PROJECT COSTS), USUAL AFDF TERMS, IMPLEMENTATION OVER THREE YEARS, WILL COVER ALL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND 73 PERCENT OF

LOCAL COSTS OF PROJECT. INVOLVES SINKING 204 REINFORCED CONCRETE  
WELLS, 180 CM. IN DIAMETER IN FIVE DISTRICTS FOR HUMAN AND LIVE-  
STOCK CONSUMPTION. PART OF PRIORITY GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE  
AVAILABILITY OF WATER TO ITS PEOPLE IN FACE OF SAHEL DROUGHT. AFDF  
PROJECT WILL PROVIDE WATER FOR SOME 170,000 PERSONS AND 64,000  
HEAD OF LIVESTOCK IN RURAL AREAS.  
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